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REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ORDERS.

For the Main Army under Washington 1778-1779.

(From the Originals in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society.)

CONCLUDED.

G. O. Heard Quarters Moore's house Nov^r 17th 79 the Sub Clothiers of the Respective States or those apointed to act protamene to Call at the Clother Gen'l^s Store at Newburgh to morrow to Receive their proposion of Blankets if the Blankets Differ in Quality the Clother Gen'l is to regard their Circumstance Given to Each State of the Best and worst in Due propotion, the Sole or State Clother or person appoin^d to act as Such Pro tempes to Report to the Brigadiers Colo Commanding the troops of their State the Number and kind of Blankets the Draw who are Requested to have them Delivr^d In the justest propotion to the wants of the Several the gm^{ts} Soldiers who are Inlisted for the war on three years are only Intitled to Blankets in making this Distrubution Reguarded must be had to the Len^t of time which the Soldiers have to Serve it Being but just that those Engaged for the war or for a Considered time to Come would have the preferance.

D. A. O. Nov^r 18th 79. P. M. 7 oclock
for fatigue L^t Colo: Dabney, Maj^r Clark. Honorable Board
of war of the State of Virg'a having Auterized the Commanding

officers of their troops to appoint a person to act as State Clothier till it is known that Capt Paton. (1) who was formerly appointed will act in that office Capt Mousley (2) in the 5 Regm^t is appointed to that Duty and is to take upon him the office of State Clothier from this Date. a fatigue party Consisting of a Lt Col'o 1 Maj^r 5 Cap^t 10 Subs & 200 men are to parade to morrow morning at 8 o Clock to open a New Rode from the Burnt Shool House in the Rode Leading in to Haverstraw forge Col'o Russell & Col'o Gists will point out the Rout to the Commanding officer of the fatigue & the Deputy Q. M. G. will furnish the Necessary tools

B. O. Nov^r 19th 79

A Court of inquiry wherof Maj^r Merewether is presedent is ordered to Set at the presedents Quarters at 10 o'clock this forenoon to Inquire in to the Conduck of Cap^t Long (3) of the 2 Virg'a State Regm^t Charged with Beating Serj^t How of the 1st Maryl'nd Reg^t in an unjust and Cruel maner.

1 Cap^t Member

B. A. O. Nov^r 19th 79

the Q. Masters of Differrent Reg^t are Immedatly to Collect the axes &c. in their Respective Regm^t Resepting for the Same which they to Deliver to the Brigade or Division Q. Master.

Nath Gist Col'o Com^t

¹This was John Peyton. See *Calendar of Virginia State Papers* I, 440, 488, 489, and numerous references in II, III, IV, V. He was a son of Craven Peyton of Loudoun County, and after the war settled in Fluvanna County, where he was Sheriff 1797-9. See Hayden's *Virginia Genealogies*, 501.

²Captain Moseley was William Moseley 1st Lt. 7th Va Feb 29 1776, Captain Dec 13, 1776, wounded at Trenton, transferred to 5th Va Sept 14, 1778, captured at Charleston, May 12, 1780, exchanged Nov. 1780, Major 3d Va —, retired Feb 12, 1781.

³Gabriel, Reuben and Wm Long of Va were officers in the Revolution, but, according to Heitman, neither of them was a Captain in the 2d State regiment at this time.

A. O. Nov^r 19th 79

the Deffecencies of Clothing Derected to be Returned yesterday for the year 1778 are to be to the Companies as they Stood that year.

D. O. Harvestraw Fryday Nov^r 20th 79.

field off^r

Brigade Major

For Police

For the Day

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Croughan

Cap^t Moody

aj^t Meriwerther

B. O. Nov^r 20th 1779

the Court of Inquiry whereof Major was President is to Set to Day at a 11 o clock the 1st Virg'a State Reg^t will furnish a Sub in addition to the Present members.

D. A. O Harvestraw Nov^r 20th 1779

Field officer

Brigade

For Fatigue

Col'o Russell

Major Mitchell

Lieu^t Col'o Alleeson

Major Webb

as the argimt from the State of Virginia has Provided with proper Stores for the Goods Sent for the use of the Division and is know Ready to Begin to Ishue to the officers agreeable to his Iinstructions from the Board of war as arrg'ent has furnished with a Late arangement made of the Contanent. Reg^{ts} in the Division it is thought more Equitable they should Ishue there to Giving officers Preferances agreeable to theire Ranks in order to follacalticate as much as possible their Drawing & at the Same to prevent too Great a propotion of officers Being Abs^t at the Same time from Camp one half of the field off^{rs} are Desired to aply to Day and the other half to morrow after which one half of the Cap^{ts} will aply Daily till they are Served & then as many of the other officers as Can bee Served in Each Day un till the whole have Received their propotion the Store keeper is Derected to Ishue the prising man the Olowance of

Tee Sugar and Choocalate to the off^{rs} on their applacation, the Store keeper will after Dis Charging theire Several Due Bills for Rum make a Return of Still Remain on hand in order that a proper Distrubalation may be made of the Remainder

For Police Cap ^t	-----			
For the Day	aj ^t Carry			
	S	C	P	
For Picquet.....				1
For in Guards				1
For Q ^r Guard.....				1
For Fatigue.....	1			2
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			Total	5

D. O. Havarstraw Sunday Nov^r 21st 79

F. O. Col'o Nevell.
B. M. Croughan

The Commissarys are to Isue Rum to the Division this Day deducting the fatigues at Stoney point And on the Road who have Drawn by Seperate Returns—The will Isue Rum Every Other Day to the Troops so long as the have A Stock upon hands. The Deputy Q. M. G'l and the Q. M. of Each Brigade are to Examine the houses in the Vicinity of Camp, and to put an immediate Stop to the Selling of Liquors to the Soldier^s which is hereby forbid—as well by the Country people as those belonging to the Army. If the practice is Continued after the Isuing this Order they will Ceize the Liq^r & make a Report of it

For Police Cap^t L^t Williams
For the Adj^t Robertson

D. O. Havesttraw Nov^r 23^d 1779

F. Officar L^t Col'o Haws
B. M. Crawhorn
For fatigue Major Stephenson

The fatigue Party for the Rout to morrow is to be Reduced to one field Officar and 150 men who are to get Work as Earley as Possabel that They may Compleat it in to the Road Leading from Kakiate to Suffrins The Officar Corn^dting this Party Willi take directions from L^t Col'o Allison who will in form him Whear he left of this Evening—As the devision will take up its line of march for winters Quarters in a fue days the deputy Q. M^r Gen'l is Requested to have Everry thing in his department in the most Perfect Rediness the Commoneserrys are Like wise to hold them selves Redy for the march and the Cap^t of Artificars to use the graitest Experdision in Comepeating any Repairs that may be wanting To the Waggon as well as shoeing the wagon horses.

The forrage masters are to in Deavour to procure as much forrage as will last us for a fue days if To be had—and the wagon masters to see that the Wagoners Carrey ther horseys whear the best Pasturs are to be had.

For the day

Adjuant Sinton

D. A. O. Nov^r 23rd 1779

The debuty Q^r Master Gen'l is to furnish as many Waggon as will be Necessary to Carry the Contenaltion Cloathing from King Ferry to Suffrence Where the Hole will be got in Readyness to be Servd to the Troops upon their arrival ther

One Regimantle Cloather from each Brigade is to Attend Captain Mosley to Suffrence to Assist Him in Sorting out the Diffrent Spaies of Cloath'g and Debuty Adjutant Gen'l to furnish him wth As Maney men as he has Occation to loade the Waggon at the Ferry & to attend him as a guard to suffrence, all the Coll^{ns} that are In the Division that are presint are Requested to Attend at Genl Woodfords Quarters Tommorrow morning at 9 Oclock precisely.

G: O: West poynt Nove. 19th 79 Upon the arrival of the troops Destoned ta Quarter in the new Jersey at the ground Upon which theay are to hut The Space allotted to Each Briggad will be appointed By the quarter master Gn'l Who will furnish a plan of the intendid dementions yf the Soldirs huts in the Construction

Of which it is Expected a Minut attentision will be paid to the Plans as Convensey helth and Everry good Conss'quence will Regult From a perfect Uniformity In the Camp—the Commander in Chief takes Privous oppertunity of a shoring that Any but not azactley Conformible to the Plom or the Least out of the lins Shall be Pulled down and built agasn Agreeabel to the mood and in its Proper Place Commanding Officers of briggads will pay Strict attention to this order.

G. O. West poynt Nov^r 20th 79

in the distribution of all the Clothing actley Issued and Shortley to be Issued to the light Infantry Companys of their Respective Reg^t are to be in the propotion Of Blankits Uniforms and other Spacis Delivered to the Sub Clothers Of this State Sub and Regimentil Clothers are to take perticular Notis the Sub Clothers are to make a Report of the Quantities Of the Several articles drawn So the Brig'a Diers or officars Comm^dg of the Briggads of their Respective States who are to Give orders that in the distribution Regards Shall be had To the length of Sarvice of the Troops it being but Just that thoes who have longest To Serve Should have the Prefar'nce

At a Gen'l Coart martial of the Line where of Col'o Chambers is President Cap^t Kirkpatrick of the 4th Virg'a Reg^t Was tried for steeling a Bridel and detain'g in his Persession a stray hors without advertising him—The Coart are of a pinion that Cap^t Killpatrick is not gilty of either of the Charges exhibited a gainst Him the Comm^dr in Chief Confurns the opinion of Coart Cap^t Killpatrick is Released from his a Rest.

D. O. Haverstraw Nov^r 23^d '79

F. O.

Col'o Gwatkins

B. M.

mitchel

A Detachment from each Brigade of One Cap^t 2 Subs & 40 men to march tomorrow morning to the Ground Where the Division is to Hutt, the Brigade Q^r M to Go with these parties

to Receive their proportion of Tools for their Brigade & to have them Ground & put in order Against the Troops up—The Cap^{ts} who are to Com^d these parties are to Call on Gen'l Woodford this Evening for instructions the Division to march the Day after to morrow from the Right the Rout of Cakiate & Sufferns, where the State Clothier will be prepared to Isue their new Clothing the Gen'l is to beat 7 o clock & the Assembly at half past 7

B. O. Nov^r 21st 79

Regimental Q^r M. are Desired to see that their Waggon & horses are in Readiness to march agreeable To yesterdays orders that no delay may be occasion^d theirby it is Expected that the Comd officers of Reg^{ts} will take the Nessary steps to prevent their men from stragling with the waggon.

During the Course of march The officersmen are to form a Section of Platoon in the Rear of their Respective Reg^{ts}.

Conklins Nov^r 26th 1779.

D. O. The Reg^l Clothiers to Draw what Clothing Cap^t Moss has in possession & Deliver them immediately to their Respective Reg^{ts} at the same time the Troops will hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice.

W^m Woodford.

Piquet Guards are to be call^d in to March Immediately.

D. O. November 29th 1779

The Troops will cook three days provision and hold themselves in the most perfect readiness to march at a moments warning—The Officers commanding Regiments are requested to pay parricular attention to their Officers & soldiers to prevent their straggling—and leaving the regiment without leave.

Beau Woodford (3)

Comm^{dr} of the Virg Divis

⁴This is evidently a purely personal and private entry of the orderly sergeant, as is the paragraph referred to in Note 4.

and the Damn^dest

Partial Rascal on this earth without exception

For Police

Cap^t Crump

Day Adj^t

Meriwether

G. O. orders Head Quarters Morris Town Dec^r 1st 1779

The Virginia Devision will march to morrow morning at 7
O Clock for Philidelphia.

Wm Woodford B. G.

D. O. Dec^r 2nd 1779

The Devision will hold themselves in the most perfect readi-
ness to march at the shortest notice no Officer or soldier to
leave Camp on any pretence Whatsoever the arms &c to be
Duly inspected &c.

Beau Woodford

Ma.....Damn'd

G. O. Morristown Dec^r 4th 1780 []

The Virginia Troops will hold themselves in readiness to
march to Trenton the two State reg^{ts} will march to morrow
morning at 8 o Clock the 6th & Col'o Gists at 4, 1st & 10th at
8 O-Clock the day follow & 2nd third & 8th at 4 in the afternoon
the 4th & 5th & two Comp^{ys} of Col'o Harrison's Artillery will
March the third day they will waite at Trenton till further
orders except the State reg^{ts} which will move on to Philadelphia.

D. O. Dec^r 21st 79

The tents & baggage of the Division will be transported to
Phila'dia by Water, & the Troops to hold themselves in perfect
rediness to March

W Woodford

W Woodford*(4)

Destruction on Every Side impossible to Shun

What would uoy do, or what would you have done—

Know all men by these presents that

I G

Oh Woman Lovly woman Nature made thee to Comfort Man
there is in the all we believe of Heaven amazing brightness,
purity & truth eternal joy & everlasting Love—